

possible prejudice to Defendant based on the introduction of evidence regarding Defendant's alleged bad faith before determining the issue of coverage. The scheduled initial pretrial conference on September 12, 2019 will address the scheduling order for the first phase of this case.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Defendant's Unopposed Motion for Separate Trials [#14] is **GRANTED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Plaintiff's breach of contract claim will be tried first and prior to his extracontractual claims in accordance with Rule 42(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

SIGNED this 4th day of September, 2019.



ELIZABETH S. ("BETSY") CHESTNEY
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE